



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Christian Value for Term : Courage

Dear Parents / Carers,

We welcomed Father James to school yesterday to lead our assembly/act of worship. He spoke to the children about a Second World War army chaplain that he got to know, who helped soldiers on either side of the conflict. This crucial message further exemplified our Christian Value of Courage and it would be great if parents/carers could talk to their child/children about what they can remember from this truly inspiring assembly.

Beginning of the School Day

Please can we remind Parents/Carers and pupils that there is no entry to cloakrooms at the start of the day until after the bell goes. Pupils should keep coats and bags with them until the actual official start to the school day. Should an emergency toilet visit be needed, please buzz in at the main entrance.

Elsa Study

As a School we are invited to take part in an 'ELSA Study'. ELSA stands for Early Surveillance for Autoimmune diabetes and is being rolled out across England. The study is led by the University of Birmingham and undertaken by a local NHS

clinical research network team who are supporting research into Diabetes in children. As a School with a pupil who has this condition we felt that we could potentially offer support to the research by extending the opportunity to be part of the study to our families on a voluntary basis. Please refer to the ParentMail sent out for further information on how to take part.

Class Planning Meetings

Class teachers were a little underwhelmed by the attendance of last week's class planning meetings. With on average 3 or 4 parents attending we need to evaluate their purpose and whether it is the class teacher's best use of time. If you have any feedback on the timing, content or purpose of the meetings, please let me know either on the gate or via email head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Charity Cushion Sale

Talented Year 3 Evie Colegate has put her sewing machine to good use and has created many beautiful cushions. She is holding a charity cushion stall after school on Friday 26th January and selling her cushions in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Research. Cushions will be on sale from £5.

Anxiety Workshop Slides

Following the Parent Anxiety Workshop which took place in the first week of term, please see link below to presentation slides which may be of interest to re-visit or access should you have not been able to have made the session www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/helping-with-anxiety-workshop/

Spring Term Parent Consultations

As previously communicated, the last week of this term will see our Spring Term Parent Consultations taking place. Each Parents/Carer will be offered the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. To secure your appointment please refer to the letter sent out.

Due to the consultation evening, please remember there will be NO after school football club taking place on Monday 05th February.

Wrap Around Care

We are thrilled that our wrap around care provision continues to be well used by Parents/Carers. Currently, most days we are at capacity for After School Club and this has been the case for most of this term. Breakfast Club is also becoming increasingly popular and numbers nearing capacity.

We have to therefore be strict on the 24 hours notice we require when trying to book in to the club. It may be we will be unable to take same day bookings and there may be occasions when there will be no available space.

Please also remember should you not require a place at a wrap around care session to cancel your child's booking ASAP. This will allow us to offer the place to someone who needs it. We reserve the right to charge for bookings which aren't cancelled.

Our best advice is to book places as far in advance as possible. We would also like to remind parents that After School Club is primarily to support parents who need childcare for work or training. Wrap around care is not a lifestyle choice or a playdate provider.

School Lunches and ParentPay

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers of pupils within KS2 (Classes 3,4 and 5) to keep a regular check on your ParentPay account for School lunch debt and to top up your account as required.



School Council, Cake Sale and Charity of Term 3



On Friday 02nd February our School Council will be holding a cake sale after school (if the weather is wet this will be under the shelter by the PE shed on the playground).

Monies raised will go towards this term's charity, 'Time to Talk Befriending'.

The charity works in communities helping senior citizens overcome loneliness through relationship-centred, excellence accredited befriending services. More information can be found on their website <https://www.tttb.org.uk/>

The School Council are asking for donations of cakes to sell (homemade or shop brought!). Any contributions will be welcomed from Wednesday 31st January to drop off Friday 02nd February. Please ensure that any cakes ingredients are clearly marked on a label on the cake in case of allergies.

Cakes will be sold for a £1 and we look forward to seeing you there!

Careers Fair, Friday 09th February

With our PSHE theme this term being 'Dreams and Goals.' We want all children within our school to feel empowered by the world of opportunities that await them. To help with this we have arranged a KS2 Careers Fair to take place in School on Friday 09th February, 1.30-3.15pm. Classes 3, 4 and 5 will be invited to the hall to tour the stalls and speak with businesses who have volunteered their time to help focus and share their stories with the next generation.

If you are able to spare the afternoon on the 09th February (set up from 1.15pm) and are passionate about what you do, we would love to hear from you and welcome you to be part of our careers fair.

Please make contact with office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk OR damayhew@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk for more information.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 15th January

Class 1

Mirabelle N: For her great working in Maths; saying and writing subtraction number sentences.

Joshua I: For his great attitude to his learning. Lovely writing in school and bringing in extra Maths work from home.

Maddie L: For always trying her best to complete her 'Early Bird Maths' activities.

Class 2

Thomas P: For excellent retrieval of knowledge about what happens to plants if you put them in the dark.

Oscar M: For an amazing transformation in his handwriting!

Alfie G: For some brilliant work in computing by searching a database to answer questions.

Class 3

Missy-Rose R: For all her hard work in reading and spelling.

Keegan J: For his engagement and participation across all subjects and a great attitude towards MFL.

Astrid G: For wowing Miss Rietdyk with her critical thinking and problem solving in Maths using NRich activities.

Class 4

Alex G: For persevering with his handwriting and presentation.

Bea B: For working hard on her understanding of mixed and improper fractions.

Mirra D: For always wanting to improve - asking questions and trying to develop her vocabulary.

Class 5

Ruben O: For taking on feedback about his river poem.

Hattie D: For some excellent ideas in her river poem.

Elizabeth W: For a great effort in Maths and English this week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

JANUARY

MONDAY 22ND	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 24TH	SELECTED YR 5/6 PUPILS SWIMMING GALA @ UC 12.45-3PM
THURSDAY 25TH	HIGH SHERIFF OF SUSSEX VISITING SCHOOL, ASSEMBLY. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30PM SELECTED CLASS 4 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 26TH	BABY & TODDLER GROUP 'BLACKBOYS BABIES' IN HALL 2-3PM CLASS 3 PUPIL CHARITY CUSHION SALE 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 29TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 30TH	YR 3/4 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-4.45PM
WEDNESDAY 31ST- FRIDAY 2ND	CAKE DONATIONS FOR THE CAKE SALE ON FRIDAY CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

THURSDAY 1ST	CLASS 2 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM SELECTED CLASS 4 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 2ND	FORTNIGHTLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL, ALL MONEY RAISED TO GO TOWARDS A TIME TO TALK, THIS TERMS CHARITY. 3.15-4PM
MONDAY 5TH - SUNDAY 11TH	CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
MONDAY 5TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM NO KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 6TH	YR 5/6 TAG RUGBY COMPETITION @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-4.45PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH	PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM
THURSDAY 8TH	FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30PM SELECTED CLASS 4 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
FRIDAY 9TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 CAREERS FAIR IN THE HALL FOR KS2 1.30-3PM
MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH	FEBRUARY HALF TERM
TUESDAY 13TH	MISS ZARA - DANCE WORKSHOP DAY 9.30AM - 3PM
THURSDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 16TH	ARCHEO DISCOVERY HALF TERM CLUB 10AM -3PM DAILY. SEE INFORMATION SENT VIA PARENTMAIL EMAIL.
MONDAY 19TH	START OF TERM 4 CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 20TH	YEAR 3 PERSONAL CHALLENGE FESTIVAL 3.45-5PM
THURSDAY 22ND	SELECTED CLASS 5 PUPILS FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

2024 Dates for your diary

Please remember to take keep as up to date as possible, take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 2024:

* Monday 22nd July * Tuesday 23rd July